New tarrif policy

534. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to announce a new tariff policy to spur exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new policy would take adequate care for ensuring price competitions of Indian exports; and

(d) by when the new policy is likely to be put up in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) There is no practice to announce Tariff Policy for exports by Government. However, every year in order to regulate import / export trade and to promote export of Indian goods, the Ministry of Commerce / Director General of Foreign Trade announces Export and Import (EXIM) Policy. This year Exim Policy for the year 2002-2007 is going to be announced by Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister on 31.03.2002 which will be effective from 01.04.2002. The Policy would contain various export promotion schemes so as to promote export of Indian goods including measures for ensuring its price competition in the global market.

Import duty on aluminium

535. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of production per tonne of aluminium in the country;

(b) the average price per tonne of aluminium in international market and the import duty imposed thereon; and

(c) the demand of the aluminium (Secondary) Industry, and the grounds adduced by them in support thereof and the reasons of turning down their demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE-(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The average cost of production of aluminium ingots varies from manufacturer to manufacturer, and in the FinancialYear 2000-2001 it varied from Rs. 47983 per tonne to Rs. 72029 (provisional) per tonne.